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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-captioned application:

- 1. Request for Withdrawal as Attorney in triplicate;
- 2. Copy of letter to client regarding notification of withdrawal; and
- 3. Return receipt postcard.

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Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required under Rule 1.17 concerning this transaction, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0019.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

# REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

(Check the following item, if appropriate)

Because the amendment referred to in item 4A(iii) below is a continuing application signed only by an attorney named below under 37 C.F.R. § 1.60(b) or 37 C.F.R.§ 1.62(c), this withdrawal request is also for such continuing application.

## LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the inventor(s) or assignee of the entire interest is:

Mr. George LUTICH PARAGON WATER SYSTEMS, INC. 14001 63<sup>rd</sup> Way Clearwater, Florida 33760

## **BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c)(1)(vi). Explanation (including brief description of exhibits, if any)

The client has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the practitioner for an unreasonable period of time or has failed to honor an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services.

#### ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

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4.	Status of this Application	
	A.	Response due (if any)
	(i) (ii)	There is no outstanding term for response.  There is an outstanding term for response that is set to expire on The above term is extendible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), until
		and the fees for such extension are are not being submitted herewith.
	(iii)	Also, submitted herewith, is a response to the outstanding Official Action.
•	B.	Time Left for Response
		Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is:  at least
NOT	IFICAT	by the PTO.  FION OF CLIENT
5	In acc	cordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including any

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including any attachments, is being sent to the client. A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

### NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

(To expedite the handling of request for permission to withdraw as attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, submit the request in triplicate.)

7.:	Related Applications for Which Withdrawal is Requested		
	Withdrawal also is (has been) requested in the following related application(s) of the   inventor □ assignee		
	09/781,865 filed February 12, 2001		

## SIGNATURE(S) OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY(S)

8. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing)

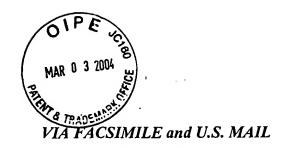
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Dear George:

I am writing to inform you that, effective immediately, we are withdrawing from your representation due to your failure to timely pay our bills. We are in the process of notifying the Patent Office.

I hope you understand our decision to withdraw, which is based on not wanting you to incur further debt with us beyond your current outstanding balance.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Mahoney

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cc: Michael Schaller